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June 1959

To the Chairman and Members of the
Clacton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is again my pleasure to present the Annual Report on the state of public health in the Urban District of Clacton. Last year we produced the Annual Report in duplicated form, rather as an experiment. In view of the success of this innovation it is intended to continue with this type of production both in the interest of economy and early presentation.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The number of cases of infectious disease notified during 1958 was one more than during the previous year. The incidence of whooping cough was increased. No cases of food poisoning occurred, but eight people were notified as suffering from dysentery.

IMMUNISATION

A large number of the public have taken advantage of the facilities offered for poliomyelitis vaccination by the County Health Service.

Many people are now protected against the disease and it would seem that this must cause a change in the pattern of future outbreaks. Epidemiologists will watch with considerable interest any change of this nature.

We must however continue to call the attention of parents to the importance of whooping cough and diphtheria immunisation and to vaccination against smallpox, all of which are most important.

VITAL STATISTICS

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for 1958 is 210 greater than for 1957.

The birth rate is higher than last year. 54 more births being recorded in 1958. The birth rate of 14.4 is 2.0 below the National rate.

The still birth rate is 4.9 lower than the National rate.

The death rate is .5 higher than 1957, but is .2 lower than the National rate for 1958.

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales in 1958 was 22.5 which is the lowest ever recorded, 1.3 lower than the infant mortality rate for this district.

HOUSING

During the year the Council purchased the Barnado Homes in Old Road, Clacton. It is expected that after alteration approximately fifty units of accommodation in form of flats and flatlets will be available.

HEALTH EDUCATION

In November a National "Guard that Fire" Campaign was launched by the Ministry of Health with support from Local Authorities.

In my Districts the campaign was well patronised. Fire Officers gave lectures in the schools, ironmongers staged displays of Fire Guards, leaflets were distributed and in the cinemas short films were projected as part of the programme. Our thanks must be recorded to all those who co-operated in making the campaign a success. It is sincerely hoped that as a result of this propaganda the number of burning accidents in the home will be considerably reduced.

FOOD HYGIENE

The classes in Food Hygiene continue to be held and are very well patronised. In 1959 we shall hold another course in the early spring. There is no doubt that in any seaside town clean food handling is most important, as catering is our main industry.

GENERAL

It is pleasing to be able to express my gratitude to the Public Health Committee and to the Council as a whole for their co-operation during the year. To the Staff of the Public Health Department I express my thanks for their work during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R.D.PEARCE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District	...	Urban District of Clacton	
Area in acres	...	...	6,807
Population:			
1951 Census	...	...	24,065
1958 Registrar General's estimate	...	...	25,100
Density of Population per acre	...	...	3.69
Rateable Value	...	...	£473,557
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	£1,875
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	10,400
Total Live Births	...	...	294
Birth rate (crude)	...	...	11.7
Birth rate (corrected)...	...	...	14.4
Birth rate (England and Wales)	...	...	16.4
Total live and still births	...	...	299
Total still births	...	...	5
Still birth rate	...	...	16.7
Still birth rate (England and Wales)	...	...	21.6
Total Deaths	...	...	410
Death rate (crude)	...	...	16.3
Death rate (corrected)	...	...	11.5
Death rate (England and Wales)	...	...	11.7
Death of infants under 1 year of age	...	...	7
Infant Mortality Rate	...	...	23.8
Infant Mortality Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	22.5
Infant Mortality Rate - legitimate	...	...	26.1
Infant Mortality Rate - illegitimate	...	...	Nil
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	...	...	17.0
Number of illegitimate births	...	...	26
Percentage of total live births	...	...	8.8
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	Nil
Maternal Deaths	...	...	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate	...	...	Nil
Cancer Deaths	...	...	67
Tuberculosis Deaths	...	...	2

LIVE BIRTHS DURING 1958

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate ...	144	124	268
Illegitimate ...	19	7	26
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Totals:	163	131	294
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CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1958 (R.G.)

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	2	-	2
Infective and parasitic disease	2	-	2
Cancer ...	35	32	67
Leukaemia ...	1	1	2
Diabetes ...	3	2	5
Vascular lesions of nervous system	20	36	56
Heart Disease ...	81	76	157
Other Circulatory Diseases	10	19	29
Influenza ...	1	-	1
Pneumonia ...	2	8	10
Bronchitis ...	10	3	13
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	-	2
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	5	2	7
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	3	-	3
Pregnancy ...	-	-	-
Congenital malformations ...	3	1	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	15	22	37
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	-	-	-
All other Accidents ...	4	3	7
Suicide ...	1	1	2
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All causes	202	208	410
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DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING 1958

Under 1 year	7
1 and under 2 years		1
2 and under 5 years		-
5 and under 15 years		...	...	1
15 and under 25 years		...	...	3
25 and under 35 years		...	...	1
35 and under 45 years		...	...	6
45 and under 55 years		...	...	16
55 and under 65 years		...	...	49
65 and under 75 years		...	...	134
75 and under 85 years		...	...	129
85 and upwards	...	...	...	63
Total:				<u>410</u>

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Dysentery	8	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Measles	115	4	-
Scarlet Fever	9	-	-
Whooping Cough	43	3	-
Totals:	176	7	-

IMMUNISATION IN 1958

DIPHTHERIA	Primary Course	Boosting Dose
Age: 0 - 5	151	22
5 - 15	4	25

WHOOPING COUGH		
Age: 0 - 5	137	1
5 - 15	-	-

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION	Two Injections	Third Injection
Age: 0 - 5	296	1
5 - 15	1,223	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Particulars of cases notified and deaths occurring during the year 1958 are given below:-

Ages in Years	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 upwards	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals:	4	2	-	-	2	-	-	-

Notifications and deaths from Tuberculosis since 1955:

Year	New Cases	Deaths
1955	10	2
1956	12	1
1957	11	3
1958	6	2

The following figures give the number of cases on the register at the end of 1958:-

Respiratory Male	82	Non-Respiratory Male	7
Respiratory Female	49	Non-Respiratory Female	20
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	131		27
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Total Cases: 158.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

Under the provisions of these Acts the Council, through its Medical Officer, is empowered to seek the removal of necessitous cases to a hospital or institution.

No action required during 1958.

Arrangements were made informally for the following:-

- One aged person - Health Visitor to call regularly.
- One aged person - Home Help provided.
- One aged person - Name placed on waiting list for admission to a Home.
- Two aged persons - Admitted to Hospital.
- One aged person - Admitted to a Home.

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

Total number of out-breaks	Number of cases	Number of deaths	Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks attributable to each.	Food involved with number of outbreaks associated with each food.
Nil	-	-	-	-

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF WATER, FOOD, ETC.

(a) WATER

Examination	Supply	Very satis- factory	Satis- factory	Sus- picious	Un- satis- factory
Bacteriological	C.U.D.C.	15	43	-	7
Bacteriological	Private Sources	-	-	-	2

(b) MILK

Sterilised	8	Satisfactory
Pasteurised	16	Satisfactory
Pasteurised T.T.	3	Satisfactory

(c) ICE CREAM

	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV
	37	28	6	3
				-

(d) OTHER FOODS

Food	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Lollies	4	-
Soft Drinks	7	-
Chocolate Rolls	2	-
Artificial Cream Cakes	10	12
Tin of Cream	1	-
Cream Tin (empty)	1	-
Oranges Tin (empty)	1	-
Salmon and Shrimp Paste	1	-
Whelks	2	-
Cockles	3	-
Mussels	1	-
Shrimps	3	-
Prawns	1	2
Pork Pies	14	5
Veal and Ham Pie	4	-
Steak and Kidney Pie	1	-
Bacon (sliced)	-	1
Tongue	1	1
Brawn	2	-
Haslet	1	3
Jellied Veal	4	5
Pressed Beef	-	2
Luncheon Meat	3	1
Ham	3	6
Bread Crumbs (Ham Dressing)	1	1
Turkey Meat	1	-
Turkey Stuffing	1	-
Sausage	1	-
Mince Pie	1	-
Christmas Pudding	1	-
Potato Crisps	2	-

(e) CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF FOOD

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Potato Crisps	2	-
Slice of Bread	-	1

A slice of bread, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick and containing a greyish brown foreign object about $\frac{1}{2}$ " long was submitted to the Public Analyst who reported that the object

consisted of a mass of oily dough and cotton fibres. No evidence of the presence of rodent excreta or B. Coli was obtained. A warning letter was sent to the bakery firm.

Christmas Pudding.

In my report for 1957, I mentioned that a Christmas Pudding was found to be infested with the larvae of *Carpophilus ligneus*, a species closely related to *Carpophilus hemipterus* known as the "Dried Fruit Beetle".

The vendors of the Christmas Pudding were prosecuted on two charges and were fined £1 on each charge and were ordered to pay twenty guineas costs.

		Positive	Negative
(f)	FAECAL SPECIMENS	16	28
	VOMIT SPECIMENS	-	3
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
(g)	ORGANIC FERTILISER (4 samples)	2	2
(h)	MACHINE CLEANSSED BOTTLES		

Type	Bottles	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Beer	24	5	19
Mineral Water	6	6	-
Milk	87	75	12
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

433,626,000 gallons were supplied, all of which was of a satisfactory quality.

The supply is chlorinated and no plumbo-solvent action is evident.

11,380 premises in the Urban District receive a

supply of piped water. 20 properties, excluding Jaywick, are supplied by means of standpipes.

The summer population is approximately 75,000.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1958:-

Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts)	2281
Other Inspections	2815
Informal Notices served	246
Informal Notices complied with	234
Formal Notices served	4
Formal Notices complied with	8

The following are the principal improvements obtained:-

HOUSES

Overcrowded	2
Verminous	2
Damp	4
Defective pointing of external walls	5
Defective brickwork of external walls	2
Defective roofs	7
Defective plaster of walls and ceilings	14
Defective floor	1
Defective windows and frames	18
Defective wash boiler	1
Defective Fireplaces (including mantels)	6
Defective doorsteps	2
Defective doors or door frames	7
Want of or defective skirting boards	2
Water supply cut off or insufficient	4
Well abolished	1
Other defects	5

DRAINAGE

Defective drainage	1
Stopped drains	32
Defective sink, waste pipe, etc	8
Cesspools abolished	25

Properties drained to sewer	...	25
Other defects	...	23
CLOSETS		
Structure defective	...	2
Broken closet pedestal and pan	...	1
Defective flushing apparatus	...	3
Other defects	...	4
PAVING		
Yard, passage or path defective	...	1
Other defect	...	1
OTHER NUISANCES		
Accumulations	...	5
Other outside defects	...	11
DUSTBINS		
Defective or insufficient	...	82
FOOD PREMISES		
Want of washing facilities	...	24
Want of cleanliness	...	1
Condition of floors	...	2
Unsuitable fittings and equipment		1
Want of hot water	...	27
Sanitary Accommodation	...	3
Other defects	...	40
MISCELLANEOUS	...	15

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.

Adopted Building Byelaw for Smoke Prevention.
In force 1.11.58.

The conversion of the steam raising plant from coal firing to oil firing at one factory led to complaints about the depositing of "oil smut".

The oil smut was caused by the rapid cooling of the flue gases upon entering the base of the steel chimney.

It is pleasing to report that with the co-operation of the owner the trouble was overcome by insulating by means of a metal sheath, the lower portion of the chimney.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The only work carried out by the Council in 1958 involved the construction of 212 lin. yds. of 12 inch dia. foul sewer running southwards from the junction of Coopers Lane and Lake Walk to by-pass a similar length of old sewer.

The following new foul sewers have been laid by Private Estate Developers:-

Deanhill Avenue	-	297 lin. yds. 9 inch dia.
Melrose Gardens	-	128 lin. yds. 9 inch dia.
Collindale Gardens	--	114 lin. yds. 9 inch dia.

DRAINAGE - BURRSVILLE PARK ESTATE

Premises drained and connected to the		
	sewer	5
Cesspools abolished	...	5

CHILBURN, LONDON AND THORPE ROADS

Premises drained and connected to the		
	sewer	19
Cesspools abolished	...	19

HOLLAND-ON-SEA

Premises drained and connected to the		
	sewer	1
Cesspools abolished	...	1

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Number of infested Houses	...	3
Number of infested Caravans	...	1

DISINFECTION

10 rooms, bedding, etc., disinfected
 11 quantities of bedding, etc., steam disinfected.
 102 library books disinfected.

VERMIN, Etc.

4 rooms fumigated.
6 houses fumigated.
2 caravans fumigated.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Premises registered	...	6
Inspections at premises	...	1

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

303 Inspections were made and the requirements of the Act were explained where necessary. Two defects were dealt with.

RAG FLOCK ACT, 1951.

There are no manufacturers of Rag Flock within the Urban District.

BATHING POOLS

20 samples of water were submitted from the two bathing pools in the District for bacteriological examination; 20 were satisfactory.

21 Residual Chlorine Tests were carried out; 20 were satisfactory; 1 unsatisfactory.

DISEASE OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950

The Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957.

Operators licensed	7
Inspections at premises	19

CARAVANS AND CAMPING SITES

There are 16 licensed camping grounds in the District. In addition licences were issued in respect of three individual moveable dwellings.

171 inspections were made of camping sites and moveable dwellings.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

1483 Visits by Public Health Inspectors.
2283 Visits by Rodent Operators.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Reg- ister (3)	Number of Inspec- tions (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupi- ers prose- cuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	30	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	124	129	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises)	3	3	3	-	-
TOTALS:		157	137	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Partic- ulars	M/c line No.	No. of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted
		Found	Reme- died	Referred		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	To H.M. Inspec- tor (5)	By H.M. Inspec- tor. (6)	(7)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	4	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	5	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	7	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	8	-	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (a)						
Insufficient (b)	9	1	1	-	1	-
Unsuitable or Defective (c)	10	-	-	-	-	-
Not separate for sexes	11	-	-	-	-	-
Other offen- ces against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	9	4	-	6	-
Totals:	60	10	6	-	7	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK (Section 110)

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110		
		No of Out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Wearing Apparel, Making etc.	13	49	-	-

44 Inspections at Outworkers' premises.

HOUSING

INSPECTION

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects under Housing or Public Health Acts 229

HOUSING ACTS

Number of Houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	...	...	1
Houses demolished	...	...	3
Number of Houses in respect of which closing orders were made	...	...	Nil
Houses closed	...	...	Nil
Houses inspected for overcrowding or permitted numbers	...	...	5

RENT ACT, 1957

Applications for certificates of disrepair	10
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	1
Number of decisions to issue certificates	11

Number of undertakings given by landlords to remedy defects	...	...	3
Number of undertakings refused	...		Nil
Number of Certificates issued	...		7
Applications for cancellation of certificates			2
Certificates cancelled	...		2

REPAIRS

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the year as a result of INFORMAL ACTION under the Housing or Public Health Acts	...	158
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Public Health Acts - action after service of Formal Notice:

Houses in which defects were remedied:-		
By Owners	...	8
By Local Authority	...	Nil

NEW HOUSES AND FLATS ERECTED DURING 1958

By Private Enterprise	...	215
By the Council	...	16
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Total Houses erected since 1946	1,707
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Applicants for Council Houses

9 Applications were supported with medical certificates.

FOOD

The following list shows the number of premises at which food for human consumption is sold or prepared and the number of visits paid to them:-

87 Cafes and Restaurants	178
7 School Canteens	6
26 Butchers' Shops	163
12 Fish Friers	33
15 Wet Fish Shops	50
17 Bread and Cake Shops	34
81 General Grocers	95

24	Greengrocers	...	43
1	Slaughterhouse	...	50
35	Hawkers	...	2
3	Ice Cream Manufacturers		13
232	Ice Cream Vendors	...	86
12	Bakehouses	...	45
5	Dairies	...	21
55	Milkshops	...	123
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	Total Visits	...	942
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LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

A grocery firm was successfully prosecuted under the provisions of Section 2 and Section 8 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for selling a beetle infested Christmas pudding. (See Chemical Analysis of Food, Page 12).

REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

The number of premises registered pursuant to Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act is as follows:-

Sausage Meat, Pressed, Pickled and Preserved Meat	...	26
Sale of Ice Cream	...	232
Manufacture of Ice Cream		3
Storage of Ice Cream	...	2

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There is one licensed Slaughterhouse which is privately owned and used to a limited extent only. There are two licensed slaughtermen in the district.

The following list gives details of the diseased or unsound meat and other foods found unfit for human consumption. They were surrendered voluntarily and destroyed or used for animal feeding.

Unsound food dealt with by the Council is disposed of at the Controlled Tip.

		lbs	
487	Tins of Meat	...	2,239
24	Tins of Fish	...	14
100	Tins of Milk		
681	Tins of Fruit and Vegetables.		1,378

	lbs
228 Tins of Other Goods	404
1255 lbs of Bacon	
68 lbs of Sausages	
1228 lbs of Beef	
313 lbs of Fish	
6 lbs of Lamb	
18 lbs of Liver	
32 lbs of Pork	
883 lbs of Fruit and Vegetables	
38 lbs of Cheese	
58 lbs of Butter	
48 lbs of Chocolate	
32 bottles of Cod Liver Oil	
36 bottles of Orange Juice	
47 boxes Ice Cream Cones.	

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	40	-	2	149	83
Number inspected	40	-	2	149	83
Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	6	-	-	1	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	15	-	-	0.67	4.8
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	P:
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	2.5	-	-	-	1.2
<u>Cysticercosis:</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	3	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Diseases except Tuberculosis - Weight Condemed
102 lbs.

Tuberculosis - Weight Condemed 21 lbs.

MILK SUPPLY

The milk supply for the Urban District is obtained from three Dairy Companies in the Area and one Dairyman whose premises are situated in the Tendring Rural District.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1949 - 1954.

The following table sets out the number of Registrations and Licences in force:-

Dairies	5
Distributors of Milk	55

Dealers' Licences authorising the use of Special Designations:

Pasteurised	36
Sterilised	45
Tuberculin Tested	16

Dealer's Supplementary Licence authorising the use of Special Designations:

Pasteurised, sterilised, and tuberculin tested 1

ICE CREAM

There are 3 Manufacturers and 232 Vendors operating in the Urban District.

BAKEHOUSES

There are twelve Bakehouses in the Urban District. None of them is an underground bakehouse.

45 Inspections were made during the year.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

Particulars of samples taken under the above Act in the Clacton Urban District by the Weights and Measures Department of the Essex County Council during 1958:-

Type of Sample	No. of Samples	Taken at wholesalers who deliver in District
Almonds - ground	1	-
Biscuits	1	-
Bread and Butter	2	-
Butter	4	9
Canned Fruit	2	-
Coffee Mixture	1	1
Condensed Milk	1	-
Confectionery (Sugar)	2	8
Cooked Meats	-	4
Condiments	2	-
Cream	1	-
Dried Fruits	3	-
Fish Paste	3	2
Flour	-	2
Food Colours	2	-
Gelatine	-	1
Glace Cherries	1	-
Jam	2	4
Jellies	1	-
Lard and Shortening	3	-
Margarine	1	6

Type of Sample	No. of Samples	Taken at wholesalers who deliver in District
Meat Paste	-	2
Milk	28	4
Mustard	-	2
Peanut Butter	1	-
Pickles	1	-
Plaice Fillets	1	-
Salad Cream	1	-
Sauces	2	-
Sausages	-	2
Soup	1	-
Soft Drinks	2	4
Spirits	3	-
Sugar	1	-
Vegetables (tinned)	1	-
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All the samples were found to be genuine with the exception of the following:-

Bread and Butter - This was submitted by a purchaser who complained that it was bread and margarine. On analysis the fat was found to be a mixture of margarine and butter. A formal sample of bread and butter was taken as soon as possible from the same source of supply which was found to be genuine. From enquiries made it appeared that a genuine mistake had occurred in respect of the first mentioned sample.

Plaice Fillets - A purchaser submitted part of a packet of frozen fish with a complaint that it was not the kind of fish described on the container in which it had been purchased. Examination showed that the fish was cod and not plaice. The matter was taken up with the packers and it was established that a genuine mistake had occurred.

Food Colour

Lettered Rock Confectionery - A sample of food colour used in the manufacture of lettered rock confectionery was found to be other than a permitted colour. Further, a sample of rock was taken which also contained this unsatisfactory colour. Enquiries revealed that only a small quantity of this colour

remained in stock and that the manufacturers had obtained and were now using a permitted colour. No further action was taken in view of this, particularly in view of the fact that the Regulations controlling this matter had recently been altered causing some confusion.

Milk - One sample of Channel Island milk was found to be 3% deficient in milk fat. A letter of caution was sent to the farmer concerned who stated that the herd had been sold since the sample was taken and restocking with Channel Island Attested cattle was being undertaken.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

COLLECTION

The second of the two pre-war refuse collection vehicles was replaced in May by another Dennis Paxit II vehicle.

DISPOSAL

Since the last Report, controlled tipping has been carried out at Smith's Pit, St. Osyth Road, and it is pleasing to report that this has been done without complaint from residents in the adjoining properties. This disused pit is now completely filled, resulting in the removal of one more eyesore.

GULLY CLEANSING

The Gully Cleansing and Cesspool Emptying Machine has given satisfactory service and has been hired for gully and cesspool emptying by neighbouring authorities.

STREET CLEANSING

This is done with the aid of two pedestrian controlled electric vehicles each with a team of three men. Three other sweepers are also employed. During the year some roads without footpaths were provided with them and several unmade roads were surfaced. This has resulted in additional work for the sweepers and serious consideration must be given to the purchase of a mechanical sweeper.

Litter still presents difficulty in certain parts of the town. During the year the Essex County Council introduced two byelaws dealing with litter, orange peel, bottles, broken glass etc. and on 7th August 1958 the Litter

Act 1958 came into force. It is hoped that this legislation, together with a local anti-litter campaign and the provision of additional litter baskets will bring about a substantial reduction in the litter nuisance.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are 23 public conveniences in the district and in October work commenced on a new ladies convenience at Garden Road, Jaywick. It is expected that this building will be completed early in 1959. The scheme provides for the existing building being converted into a convenience for males and for the inclusion of washing facilities at both conveniences.

The enlargement of certain of the existing conveniences needs to be considered, and of those, the case of the ladies convenience at West Avenue is the most urgent.

